



BELARUS



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Aleksandr LUKASHENKO

Head of Government

Prime Minister Sergey RUMAS

Government Type

presidential republic, although in fact a dictatorship

Capital

Minsk

Legislature

bicameral National Assembly or Natsionalnoye Sobraniye (64 seats); House of Representatives or Palata Predstaviteley (110 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (number of judges varies); Constitutional Court (consists of 12 judges)

Ambassador to US

Charge d'Affaires Pavel SHIDLOVSKIY

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Jenifer MOORE

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 207,600 sq km
Land: 202,900 sq km
Water: 4,700 sq km

Climate

cold winters, cool and moist summers; transitional between continental and maritime

Natural Resources

timber, peat deposits, small quantities of oil and natural gas, granite, dolomitic limestone, marl, chalk, sand, gravel, clay

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

former Soviet republic; had well-developed industrial base; now outdated, inefficient, and dependent on subsidized Russian energy and preferential access to Russian markets; agricultural base is largely dependent on government subsidies.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$179.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$18,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$28.65 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Russia 43.9%, Ukraine 11.5%, UK 8.2% (2017)

Imports

\$31.58 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Russia 57.2%, China 8%, Germany 5.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

9.53 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

-0.24% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

Belarusian 83.7%, Russian 8.3%, Polish 3.1%, Ukrainian 1.7%, other 2.4%, unspecified 0.9% (2009 est.)

Language

Russian (official) 70.2%, Belarusian (official) 23.4%, other 3.1% (includes small Polish- and Ukrainian-speaking minorities), unspecified 3.3% (2009 est.)

Religion

Orthodox 48.3%, Catholic 7.1%, other 3.5%, non-believers 41.1% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 79% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 0.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

